

TGEI Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

January 27th, 2006

Members Present

Buddy Lea, Chair
Karen Hale, Vice Chair
Tracy Stinson
Lynn Goodman, Ex-Officio
Larry Richardson
Ron Maupin
Trent Ridley
Kendra Gipson
Jeanne Stevens

Members Absent

Joe Swinford, Past Chair
George Zukotynski
Renee Jackson
Martha Staley
Marva Bradford

Call to Order

The January Steering Committee meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM.

Introduction of New Members

Chairman Buddy Lea welcomed the following new members from the Class of 2006: Class President Trent Ridley and elected committee representatives Kendra Gipson and Jeanne Stevens.

Election of Officers and Committee Chairs

Buddy Lea explained that the positions of chairman (Buddy himself) and vice-chair (Karen Hale) had been elected previously. A number of remaining positions still needed to be filled. Lea briefly described the duties of each position and then accepted volunteers and/or nominations. The following people were confirmed as officers and/or committee chairs:

Secretary:	Jeanne Stevens
Treasurer:	Ron Maupin
Newsletter:	Trent Ridley
Webpage:	Tracy Stinson
Brown Bag Meetings:	Larry Richardson
TGEI/TGMI Fall Conference:	Trent Ridley (tentative)
TGEI Holiday Breakfast:	Kendra Gipson

Lea noted that a number of members were not present at this meeting, and should also be asked to contribute or serve on the subcommittees. In particular, one than more person is needed to head up the TGI Fall Conference subcommittee.

New Business

- **Fall conference**

This year's conference is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24. The downtown Nashville Main Library has been reserved, but the group discussed other possible locations as well. The new 3rd floor conference center in Tennessee Towers is supposed to be finished by April 1; if it stays on schedule, that is an option. The Willis Center was also mentioned as a possibility. Lynn Goodman said she would ask the Nashville Convention & Visitors Bureau for their list of area meeting facilities.

Chairman Lea explained that this year's Fall Conference is being led by Carolyn Wilson from **TGMI**. TGEI is supporting them. Next year, it will be TGEI's turn to lead, with support from the TGMI group. The person from our steering committee who works with Carolyn this year will automatically become the TGEI lead for the 2007 Fall Conference.

- **2006 Holiday Breakfast**

This year's Holiday Breakfast is set for Tuesday, December 12 at Ellington Agricultural Center. Chairman Lea noted that steering committee members need to be ready on December 11 to set up and decorate the facility in advance.

- **TGEI/TGMI Classes of 2006**

Lynn Goodman noted that the TGEI program will begin accepting applications for the Class of 2006 on April 5, with a deadline of May 1. The class roster will be announced June 16. Orientation for the Class of 2006 will be held July 14 at the BellSouth building; Goodman encouraged committee members to participate in their orientation. She also invited members to drop in on the Class of 2006's first session in Knoxville (the week of August 13) if possible.

Goodman also reminded the committee to recommend new members for the **TGMI** Class of 2006, whose members will be announced March 30. Their orientation will be on May 12. Additional dates are available on the TGI website.

- **Foster connections between TGEI and TGMI**

The committee agreed that one of this year's goals is to increase networking between TGEI and TGMI alumni.

Larry Richardson mentioned that TGMI alumni often work on service projects, and suggested that TGEI alumni could join them. He said he would talk to some people he knew who were involved in those service projects, and raise the idea of TGEI participation.

NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM.

The next meeting was set for Friday, February 17th, at 11:30 AM at the WRS TN Tower, Cheatham Room.